This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended)   A common carrier system comprising:

   a first storage located at a first entity registered with the system;

   a second storage located at a second entity registered with the system; and

   a server that receives information from said first storage and said second storage, said server exchanging information with a user, said exchange of information providing a ~~common carrier~~ user interface displayed on a user's computer, the user interface enabling a user to create an electronic booking request, to submit the electronic booking request to at least the first entity ~~one of any entities registered with the system~~ and to receive confirmation of the electronic booking request from the first entity ~~one of any entities~~.

2. (Previously Presented)   The system according to claim 1, wherein the electronic booking request is created from a template stored on the common carrier system, wherein the template was created by the user prior to the creation of the electronic booking request.

3. (Currently Amended)   The system according to claim 1, wherein the electronic booking request is created from a previously drafted electronic booking stored on the common carrier system, wherein the previously drafted electronic booking was created by the user or any other user prior to the creation of the electronic booking request, and wherein the previously drafted electronic booking was selected from the results of a search performed by the user.

4. (Previously Presented)   The system according to claim 3, wherein the previously drafted electronic booking was a confirmed electronic booking request that was confirmed by at least one of the entities registered with the system prior to the user or the any other user creating the electronic booking request.

5.   (Previously Presented)   The system according to claim 1, wherein the electronic booking request includes a section which enables the user to request a container be transported, wherein the container is transported from an inland origin to a first vessel, the container is loaded onto the first vessel, the container is transported by the first vessel to a location, the container is discharged from the first vessel and the container is delivered to a destination.

6.   (Currently Amended)   The system according to claim 1, wherein the user and the ~~registered~~ first entity negotiated shipping costs prior to the user submitting the electronic booking request.

7.   (Currently Amended)   The system according to claim 1, wherein the user and the ~~registered~~ first entity never negotiated shipping costs prior to the user submitting the electronic booking request.

8.   (Currently Amended)   The system according to claim 7, wherein the user is a new customer of the ~~registered~~ first entity.

9-12.   (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended)   A common carrier system comprising:

a first storage located at a first entity registered with the system;

a second storage located at a second entity registered with the system; and

a server that receives information from said first storage and said second storage, said server exchanging information with a user, said exchange of information providing a ~~common carrier~~ user interface displayed on a user's computer, the user interface enabling a user to create an electronic booking request, submit the electronic booking request to at least the first entity ~~any entity~~ registered with the system and receive confirmation of the electronic booking request from the first entity ~~any entity~~, wherein the system, responsive to confirmation from the registered entity to the user and registered entity data, generates electronic event notification messages.

14. (Original)   The system according to claim 13, wherein the user determines when the system should notify the user of an event.

15. (Original)   The system according to claim 14, wherein the event is a non-event.

16. (Original)   The system according to claim 15, wherein the common carrier system notifies the user of the non-event after a predetermined time period has lapsed and the event has not occurred, wherein the user determines the predetermined time period.

17-51. (Canceled)

52. (New)   The system of claim 1, wherein the electronic booking request comprises a routing request.

53. (New)   The system of claim 52, wherein the confirmation of the electronic booking request comprises routing information.

54. (New)   The system of claim 1, wherein the user interface further enables the user to send shipping instructions to the first entity.

55. (New)   The system of claim 1, wherein the user interface further enables the user to receive a booking activity plan from the first entity.

56. (New)   The system of claim 55, wherein the confirmation of the electronic booking request comprises a booking activity plan.

57. (New)   The system of claim 55, wherein the booking activity plan comprises transport modes, transhipment locations, and interim arrival and departure dates and times.

58. (New)   The system of claim 1, wherein the electronic booking request is submitted using XML.

59. (New)   The system of claim 1, wherein the electronic booking request is submitted using EDI.

60. (New)   The system of claim 1, wherein the electronic booking request is submitted using a website.

61. (New)   The system of claim 1, wherein the electronic booking request is submitted using electronic mail.

62. (New)   The system of claim 1, wherein the confirmation of the electronic booking request is received by the user via EDI.

63. (New)   The system of claim 1, wherein the confirmation of the electronic booking request is received by the user via electronic mail.

64. (New)   The system of claim 1, wherein the confirmation of the electronic booking request is received by the user via a pop-up dialogue box.

65. (New) The system of claim 13, wherein the electronic event notification messages are generated using electronic mail.

66. (New) The system of claim 13, wherein the electronic event notification messages are generated using pop-up dialogue boxes.

67. (New) The system of claim 13, wherein the electronic event notification messages are generated using EDI.

68. (New) A common carrier system comprising:

a first storage located at a first carrier registered with the system;

a second storage located at a second carrier registered with the system; and

a server that receives information from said first storage and said second storage, said server exchanging information with a user, said exchange of information providing a user interface displayed on a user's computer, the user interface enabling a user to:

submit an electronic booking request to the first and second carriers;

submit a routing request to the first and second carriers;

submit shipping instructions to one of the first and second carriers;

receive a confirmation of the electronic booking request from one of the first and second carriers;

receive routing information from one of the first and second carriers; and

receive a booking activity plan from one of the first and second carriers, wherein the booking activity plan comprises transport modes, transhipment locations, and interim arrival and departure dates and times.

69. (New) A common carrier system comprising:

    a first storage located at a user registered with the system;

    a second storage located at a carrier registered with the system;

    a server configured to receive an electronic booking request sent from the first storage, to store the electronic booking request, and to send the electronic booking request to the second storage, wherein the electronic booking request comprises a request to transport one or more containers.

70. (New) The system of claim 69, wherein the electronic booking request comprises an EDI message.

71. (New) The system of claim 69, wherein the electronic booking request comprises an XML message.

72. (New) The system of claim 69, wherein the server is configured to sent the electronic booking request to the second storage using EDI.

73. (New) The system of claim 69, wherein the server is further configured to receive a confirmation of the electronic booking request from the carrier.

74. (New) The system of claim 73, wherein the confirmation of the electronic booking request comprises routing information.

75. (New) The system of claim 73, wherein the confirmation of the electronic booking request comprises a carrier booking number.

76. (New) The system of claim 69, wherein the server is further configured to receive a booking activity plan from the carrier and to use the booking activity plan to provide container tracking services to the user.

77. (New)   The system of claim 69, wherein the server is further configured to modify a booking after physical movement of the one or more containers has begun.